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CONFERENCE (WTDC) MEETING HELD ON 17TH-21ST NOVEMBER, 2025 IN
BAKU, AZERBAIJAN

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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AI	- Artificial Intelligence
EW4ALL	-Early Warning for All
ITU	- International Telecommunication Union
NoW	- Network of Women
TDAG	- The Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG) Bureau
WTDC-	- World Telecommunication Development Conference

CHAIRPERSON'S FORWARD

The Select Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library and the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation of the National Assembly of Kenya participated in the 9th World Telecommunication Development Conference (WTDC-25), held in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 16th to 28th November 2025.

The conference marked a pivotal moment in global telecommunications development, convening over 1,900 participants from 160 Member States, including more than 150 ministerial-level delegates, parliamentarians, regulators, industry leaders, academics, and representatives of international organizations.

Under the theme *"Universal, Meaningful, and Affordable Connectivity for an Inclusive and Sustainable Digital Future,"* the conference aimed to bridge the digital divide by addressing areas like digital inclusion, cybersecurity, policy regulation, ICT innovation, and infrastructure development. It featured a Global Youth Summit with more than 400 young change makers and concluded with a shared Declaration and Action Plan to guide ICT growth worldwide.

Further, the conference highlighted the international community's urgent commitment to bridging the digital divide and accelerating digital transformation worldwide.

The National Assembly's delegation, led by Hon. Naomi Waqo, CBS, M.P, Deputy Majority Leader and member of the Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library Committee, participated robustly in high-level policy dialogues, committee deliberations, and bilateral engagements. The team's strategic contributions to key ad hoc committees, focusing on ICT security, network infrastructure, digital transformation, and regional presence, underscored the National Assembly's commitment to shaping the global ICT agenda while advancing Kenya's national interests.

This report documents Parliament's participation in the Conference by outlining its structure, key deliberations, outcomes, and actionable recommendations. It serves as a comprehensive record and reference to inform policy formulation, guide capacity-building initiatives, and support Parliament's strategic positioning in future engagements with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

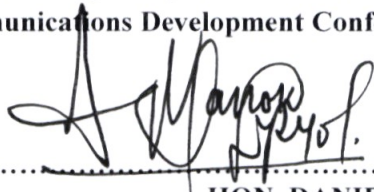
The insights gained and partnerships established at WTDC-25 are expected to strengthen Parliament's institutional mandate and contribute to Kenya's ambition to become a digitally empowered nation and an influential voice in global telecommunications development.

At the High-Level Segment of the Conference, Kenya's voice was confidently expressed by the Cabinet Secretary for Information, Communications and the Digital Economy, H.E. Hon. William Kabogo Gitau. His policy statement emphasized Kenya's role as both a beneficiary and a supporter of global digital transformation. The Cabinet Secretary highlighted Kenya's impressive progress in expanding meaningful connectivity, noting that nearly 800,000 people in underserved areas have gained access to mobile networks. He also mentioned that over USD 300 million from the Universal Service Fund supports broadband infrastructure development to help approximately 2.7 million people currently offline. Additionally, he pointed out Kenya's innovative digital governance platforms, such as E-Citizen and E-Procurement, as models of transparent and efficient service that offer valuable lessons to the international community. On the continental level, he reaffirmed

Kenya's leadership in Africa's digital agenda, referencing Kenya's hosting of one of ITU's 17 Global Innovation and Entrepreneurship Centers and its involvement in the Africa Broadband Mapping Systems initiative as proof of Kenya's commitment to a unified digital future for Africa. The Cabinet Secretary also outlined Kenya's future ambitions in the National Digital Masterplan 2022 - 2032, the National AI Strategy, and the ongoing deployment of 5G, reaffirming Kenya's dedication to actively shaping global standards and norms. The delegation was especially proud of the recognition Kenya received from the ITU as Africa's top ICT policy and regulatory environment, ranked 20th worldwide—a testament to the transformative reforms championed by Parliament and the Government in creating an inclusive digital society.

I sincerely thank the Speaker and the Office of the Clerk of the National Assembly for the invaluable support accorded to the Committees in the discharge of their mandate.

On behalf of the Members of the two Committees and Pursuant to Standing Order 212, it is my pleasure and duty to present to the House the Committee's **Report on the 9th World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC) Meeting held on 17th-21st November, 2025.**



Signed.....Date.....

HON. DANIEL EPUYO NANOK, M.P.
CHAIRPERSON, COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING AND LIBRARY

1 PREFACE

1.1 Establishment and Mandate of the Committee

1. The Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library is established by Standing Order 212D of the National Assembly and is mandated to:
 - i. consider and report on all matters relating to broadcasting of the proceedings of the House;
 - ii. advise the House on matters related to public participation;
 - iii. make reports and recommendations to the House, including proposed legislation on matters relating to broadcasting of House proceedings;
 - iv. recommend to and advise the House on matters related to the provision of library, publications, and research services in Parliament, including improvement of the library and research services; and
 - v. assist Members in utilizing the facilities provided by the library and research services, including the use of information and communication technology.

1.2 Committee Membership

2. The Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library comprises the following Members: -

Chairperson

Hon. Daniel Epuyo Nanok, CBS, M.P.
Turkana West Constituency

United Democratic Alliance Party

Vice-Chairperson

Hon. (Eng.) John Kiragu Chege, CBS, M.P.
Limuru Constituency

United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Waqo Naomi Jillo, CBS, M.P.
Marsabit County

United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Ahmed Shakeel Ahmed Shabbir,
CBS, M.P

Kisumu East

Independent

Hon. Kombe, Harrison Garama, M.P.
Magarini Constituency

Orange Democratic Movement Party

Hon. James Gakuya Mwangi, M.P.
Embakasi North Constituency

United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. John Waluke Koyi, CBS, M.P.
Sirisia Constituency

Jubilee Party

Hon. Rindikiri Mugambi Murwithania,
CBS, M.P.

Buuri Constituency

United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Adams Kipsanai Korir, M.P.
Keiyo North Constituency
United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Gachobe Samuel Kinuthia, M.P.
Subukia Constituency
United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Anthony Kenga Mupe, M.P.
Rabai Constituency
Pamoja African Alliance Party

Hon. Phelix Odiwuor Khodhe, M.P.
Langata Constituency
Orange Democratic Movement Party

Hon. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdi, M.P.
Lafey Constituency
Jubilee Party

Hon. Suzanne Ndunge Kiamba, M.P.
Makueni Constituency
Wiper Democratic Movement Party

Hon. Edward Muriu Wakili, MP
Gatanga Constituency
United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Talib Ahmed Abubakar, MP
Nominated
Wiper Democratic Movement Party

Hon. (Dr.) Charles Onchoke Mamwacha, M.P.
Bonchari Constituency United Progressive
Alliance Party

Hon (CPA) Geoffrey Wandeto, M.P.
Tetu Constituency
United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Nguro Onesmus Ngogoyo, M.P
Kajiado North
United Democratic Alliance Party

Hon. Salasya, Peter Kalerwa, M.P.
Mumias East Constituency
The Democratic Action Party-Kenya

Hon. (CPA) Rutto, Julius Kipletting, M.P
Kesses Constituency
United Democratic Alliance Party

1.3 Committee Secretariat

3. The Secretariat supporting the Committee comprises the following staff:

Ms. Jane G. Ouko
Clerk Assistant II

Mr. Silas Korir Lomutur
Research Officer

Ms. Mercy Wanyonyi
Senior Legal Counsel

Mr. Jared Onyancha
Public Communications Officer

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Ms. Jacinta Maru
Sergeant at Arms

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Audio Officer

2 THE 9TH WORLD TELECOMMUNICATIONS DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE (WTDC) MEETING HELD ON 17TH-21ST NOVEMBER, 2025 IN BAKU, AZERBAIJAN

2.1 Background

4. The Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library is established under the National Assembly Standing Order 212D. It is mandated to consider and report on all matters relating to broadcasting of the proceedings of the House; advise the House on matters related to public participation; make reports and recommendations to the House including proposed legislation on matters relating to broadcasting of House proceedings; recommend to and advise the House on matters related to the provision of library, publications, and research services in Parliament including improvement of the library and research services; and assist Members in utilizing the facilities provided by the library and research services, including the use of information and communication technology.
5. The Committee, in its meetings held on Thursday, 13th November 2025, resolved to participate in the 9th World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC) meeting held on 17th-21st November, in Baku, Azerbaijan, whose main objectives were as follows:
 - i. Setting priorities for the ITU-Development sector for the next four years (2026–2029). The Conference approved both the Baku Declaration and a detailed Baku Action Plan to guide ITU's digital development initiatives.
 - ii. Approval of revised resolution and recommendations
 - iii. Approval of new regional initiatives to address specific telecommunications/ICT priority areas, through partnerships and resource mobilization to implement planned projects.

2.2 Composition of the delegation

6. The delegation comprised the following members of the National Assembly, and one accompanying staff as follows:
 - a) Hon. Naomi Waqo, CBS, M. P - **Leader of Delegation**
 - b) Hon. Charles Onchoke, M.P
 - c) Hon. Pamela Njoki, M.P
 - d) Hon. Erastus Kivasu, M.P
 - e) Ms. Mercy Ondego (Research Officer III) - **Delegation secretary**

3 PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENTS DURING THE CONFERENCE

3.1 Introduction

7. The 9th World Telecommunication Development Conference 2025 (WTDC-25) of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) was held from 17th to 28th November 2025 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The primary objective of the Conference was to accelerate global connectivity and advance the global digital transformation agenda. It was convened under the theme *“Universal, meaningful, and affordable connectivity for an inclusive and sustainable digital future.”*
8. WTDC-25 brought together a broad range of stakeholders, attracting over 1,900 participants. These included more than 150 ministerial-level delegates, parliamentarians, heads of relevant agencies, regulators, and industry leaders. Representation comprised delegates from 160 ITU Member States (152 participating in person and 8 remotely), 104 ITU-D Sector Members, 13 academic institutions, several observer organizations, as well as the United Nations and its specialized agencies.

3.2 Meeting of the Heads of Delegation

9. The 1st and 2nd Heads of Delegations sessions held on November 16th and 17th, 2025, considered and adopted the agenda for the first plenary of the meeting, including proposals for the conference structure, organization, chairmanships, and vice-chairmanships of the conference and committees. Parliament was represented by members of both the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information, and Innovation and the Select Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library.
10. The first two days of the conference had four (4) plenary sessions dedicated to the High-Level Segment. This segment served as a unique platform where senior officials from ITU Member States came together to share their perspectives on emerging trends and strategic priorities for global telecommunication and ICT development. Kenya delivered its statement through the Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of ICT & Digital Economy, H.E Mr. Willian G. Kabogo. The discussions revolved around the conference theme: *“Universal, Meaningful, and Affordable Connectivity for an Inclusive and Sustainable Digital Future.”*

3.3 Conference Ad hoc Sessions

11. The Conference adopted thirteen (13) Ad hoc Committees to assist with the effective and efficient review of the Conference Declaration, Regional Initiatives, Action Plan, and Resolutions.

3.4 Meeting with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

12. ITU hosted the following sessions on the sidelines of the WTDC-2025 Conference:

- i. ITU-D celebration of 30+ years of impact, hosted by ITU-D to celebrate the over 30 years of achievements of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector and the continued commitment to putting people at the heart of digital transformation;
- ii. Official launch of the Azerbaijan ITU Regional Acceleration Centre; and
- iii. Network of Women (NoW) under the theme “*Advancing Gender Empowerment in the Digital Development Agenda.*”

13. The NoW initiative is aimed at supporting ITU in achieving its digital gender inclusivity goal. The NoW session at WTDC-25 featured high-level presentations and panels on gender empowerment in digital development.

14. Key topics of discussion included digital skills for women and girls, with emphasis on targeted training in areas such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data science, and cloud computing through women-focused coding bootcamps, STEM initiatives, and vocational programmes aimed at narrowing the gender skills gap.

15. Deliberations also focused on economic participation and entrepreneurship, highlighting the role of digital tools in supporting women-led businesses, e-commerce, and fintech in developing countries, alongside calls for expanded access to digital finance, business incubators, and venture capital specifically targeted at women.

16. In addition, the discussions addressed leadership and governance, where strategies to enhance women’s representation in the ICT sector were explored, including the adoption of quotas, leadership development programmes, the promotion of inclusive organizational cultures, and greater participation of women in standards bodies, regulatory institutions, and international forums.

17. Members further examined the need for gender-responsive policies, emphasizing affordable connectivity, strengthened online safety measures, and regulatory frameworks that incentivize operators to prioritize women, all integrated within national digital strategies.

18. The forum also discussed measures to combat online gender-based violence, highlighting the importance of multi-stakeholder responses to cyberbullying, harassment, image-based abuse, and online stalking through legislation, platform accountability, digital literacy initiatives, and support mechanisms for survivors.

19. Building on the foregoing discussions, the session yielded several key outcomes and commitments. Participants agreed to enhance collaboration through the strengthening of national and regional women-in-ICT networks to facilitate peer learning and promote cross-border initiatives.

20. There was also a commitment to mobilize resources through public - private partnerships to support programmes specifically targeting women in the digital sector.

21. In addition, the session underscored the importance of accountability through the development of clear metrics, regular reporting mechanisms, and the use of gender-disaggregated data to track progress towards gender parity targets.

22. Participants further resolved that gender considerations should be mainstreamed into the Baku Action Plan (2026–2029) as a cross-cutting priority.
23. Finally, the need to strengthen youth engagement was emphasized through the promotion of STEM education, mentorship by role models, and leadership programmes aimed at empowering young women and girls.

3.5 Election of Office Bearer for the Cycle 2026-2029

24. Ms. Régine Fleur-Bessora of Côte d'Ivoire was elected as Chair of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG), marking the first occasion on which the African region has assumed the leadership of TDAG. Additionally, twelve (12) Vice-Chairs, two drawn from each of the Union's six (6) regions, were elected for the same cycle.

3.6 Action Points for Follow-up

25. Arising from the various engagements that involved the Kenya delegation, the following were noted as part of items to follow up for action:
 - i. The National Assembly and the Communications Authority are to take note of the approved African regional initiatives and work to align their strategy and plan to support the realization of these initiatives.
 - ii. The delegation from Kenya to closely liaise with ITU and ATU with a view to securing slots that will enable Kenya to take up Chair or Vice Chair positions in the upcoming strategic ITU meetings, such as the Plenipotentiary Conference.
 - iii. Following the confirmation that ITU will be offering East Africa technical assistance to develop the Regional Telecommunication Emergency Plan, the Authority, in consultation with the Honourable Members of Parliament from the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation and the Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library Committee who were part of the delegation, was guided to liaise with ITU's Early Warning For All (EW4ALL) representative to secure the Authority's participation in this process."

3.7 Key Outcomes and Milestones of the Conference

25. The Conference achieved several key milestones outlined below:
 - i. First, it adopted new and revised resolutions and recommendations to guide the activities of the ITU Telecommunication Development Sector (ITU-D) for the 2026–2029 period.
 - ii. It also approved new regional initiatives for Africa, the Americas, the Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, the Commonwealth of Independent States, and Europe, aimed at addressing region-specific digital development priorities.
 - iii. In addition, the Conference adopted new and revised Study Questions for consideration by the ITU-D Study Groups, thereby shaping the research and policy agenda for the upcoming study cycle. High-level segments were also convened to deliberate on key

digital development policy priorities and emerging global challenges in the telecommunications sector.

- iv. A notable highlight was the launch of the Global Youth Summit, which brought together over 400 young innovators and change makers who contributed ideas and perspectives to the digital development agenda, reaffirming the importance of youth engagement in shaping the future of global telecommunications governance.
- v. Another significant milestone was the election of the first-ever African Chair of the Telecommunication Development Advisory Group (TDAG), with Ms. Régine Fleur-Bessora of Côte d'Ivoire assuming the position. This marked a landmark achievement for the African region and demonstrated the continent's growing influence in international telecommunications governance.
- vi. Finally, the Conference mainstreamed gender equity as a cross-cutting priority across all workstreams. In particular, the Network of Women (NoW) session generated concrete commitments on enhancing digital skills, promoting women's economic empowerment, strengthening leadership representation, and combating online gender-based violence.

3.8 Baku Declaration Action Plan

25. During the Conference, several key declarations were made to guide global efforts in advancing digital development. These included commitments to bridge the digital divide at the global level and to accelerate digital transformation across countries and regions. Participants also emphasized the importance of ensuring meaningful connectivity and promoting affordable access to digital services for all.
26. The Conference further underscored the need to foster sustainable ICT development and to strengthen cybersecurity frameworks to safeguard digital infrastructure and users. Collectively, these declarations reaffirmed the commitment of stakeholders to champion the principles of universal, meaningful, and affordable connectivity as the cornerstone of an inclusive and sustainable digital future, particularly for underserved and rural communities across the developing world.

3.9 Expected Impact and Way Forward

35. Kenya's participation in the Conference is expected to yield significant strategic, institutional, and policy benefits that will strengthen the country's role in advancing inclusive and sustainable digital development. These benefits include:
 - a) Strengthening of Parliament's institutional mandate in ICT oversight;
 - b) Position Kenya as an influential voice in global telecommunications development;
 - c) Advance national digital transformation agenda;
 - d) Enhance capacity for gender-responsive digital policies; and,
 - e) Establish strategic partnerships with ITU and member states.

3.10 Strategic Focus Areas of the Action Plan

26. The conference agreed on the following strategic focus areas:

- i. First, the National Assembly is to review and, where necessary, strengthen the existing legislative frameworks governing ICT infrastructure, digital literacy, and emerging technologies, with a view to ensuring their responsiveness to the Action Plan Priorities adopted at WTDC-25 for the 2026–2029 cycle.
 - ii. The Departmental Committee on Communication, Information, and Innovation is to engage the Ministry of ICT & Digital Economy and the Communications Authority on the development of a National Digital Transformation Roadmap with clearly defined milestones, responsible agencies, and reporting timelines that incorporate the following six agreed Action Plan priority areas:
 - a. ICT infrastructure development
 - b. Digital skills & capacity building
 - c. Innovation & emerging technologies
 - d. Regulatory frameworks enhancement
 - e. Partnership & resource mobilization
 - f. Climate-smart ICT solutions
27. Further, Parliament to engage the National Treasury and Planning in the budget cycle to advocate for enhanced appropriations towards digital infrastructure, ICT skills development, and climate-smart technology initiatives in line with Kenya’s commitments under the Baku Action Plan.
28. The Committees will further explore opportunities for public-private partnerships in support of innovation and resource mobilization, leveraging the frameworks agreed upon at WTDC-25.

3.11 Action Points for the National Assembly

29. In light of the outcomes of the Conference, the following action points are proposed for consideration and implementation by the National Assembly to strengthen parliamentary engagement in ICT governance and digital development initiatives:
- i. The delegation to further leverage the bilateral and multilateral contacts established at WTDC-25 to facilitate technical assistance, capacity building, and resource mobilization for the implementation of the Baku Action Plan at the national level.
 - ii. The National Assembly’s Select Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library and the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation to formally table the outcomes of WTDC-25 before the House, ensuring that the resolutions, milestones, and commitments made at the Conference inform legislative and oversight action in the 2026–2029 cycle.
 - iii. The two Committees to jointly develop a monitoring framework for tracking Kenya’s compliance with and participation in the approved ITU-D Study Group Questions, and to report on the same at least once per year.
 - iv. The Committees further to actively engage the Communications Authority to align its strategic plan with the approved African regional initiatives arising from the Conference.
 - v. The National Assembly to formally adopt and domesticate the Baku Declaration commitments by initiating a review of the relevant national legislative and regulatory

frameworks, including the Kenya Information and Communications Act and the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act, to ensure alignment with the Declaration's objectives.

- vi. The Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation to convene a dedicated hearing with the Communications Authority and the Ministry of ICT & Digital Economy to receive a formal account of Kenya's obligations under the Declaration and to establish timelines for compliance and reporting.
- vii. Parliament further to advocate for the incorporation of the Declaration's principles into the national budgetary process, including dedicated funding for digital inclusion programmes targeting marginalized and underserved communities.
- viii. The two Committees to present a formal implementation report to the House within six (6) months of the conclusion of WTDC-25, detailing the specific steps taken by relevant Government ministries, departments, and agencies to operationalize Kenya's commitments arising from the Conference.
- ix. The Committees to work with the Ministry of ICT & Digital Economy to table, before the next financial year budget cycle, a comprehensive digital transformation status report that maps Kenya's progress against the WTDC-25 outcomes.
- x. Parliament to initiate measures to institutionalize regular legislative dialogue on ICT policy and emerging technologies, including structured annual briefings by the Communications Authority on global ICT governance developments, with a view to ensuring that Kenya's legislative response remains agile, evidence-based, and aligned with international best practice.

3.12 Committees Observation and Recommendations

30. Following its review of the 9th World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC), the Committee recommends that:

- a) The Ministry of ICT & Digital Economy and Communications Authority of Kenya (CA) to develop and submit a National WTDC-25 Implementation Plan to Parliament within six months, detailing interventions, institutions, timelines, and resources for the Baku Declaration and 2026–2029 Action Plan;
- b) Parliament conducts regular capacity building for MPs and Parliamentary staff on emerging ICT issues;
- c) Parliament increases budget allocations for digital infrastructure development and parliamentary participation in future ITU events (e.g., WTDC-29 and World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly);
- d) The Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Innovation and Select Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library jointly develop a Parliamentary ICT Oversight Framework for evidence-based scrutiny of ICT sector obligations, including regular updates from CA and Ministry;

- e) The Ministry of ICT & Digital Economy and the Communication Authority to secure Kenya's candidacy for ITU leadership/vice-chairmanship roles ahead of the Plenipotentiary Conference, leveraging WTDC-25 momentum; and
- f) Parliament to review the Computer Misuse and Cybercrimes Act for alignment with Baku Declaration cybersecurity frameworks; accelerate participation in ITU's Early Warning for All (EW4ALL) and develop a Regional Telecommunication Emergency Plan for East Africa.

31. The next WTDC meeting will be held in the year 2029 at a date and venue to be announced by ITU in due course.

Annexures



Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Communications Authority of Kenya during the WTDC, Conference Session.



Hon Charles Onchoke and Hon. Pamela Njoki at the Baku Conventional Centre



Hon Members attending the WTDC Conference

COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING AND LIBRARY

ADOPTION LIST

Adoption of Report on the 9th World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC) Meeting held on 17th-21st November, 2025 in Baku, Azerbaijan

We, the undersigned, hereby affix our signatures to this Report to affirm our approval:

S. NO	HON. MEMBER	SIGNATURE
1.	Hon. Daniel Epuyo Nanok, CBS, M.P. – Chairperson	
2.	Hon. (Eng.) John Kiragu Chege, CBS, M.P. – Vice-Chairperson	
3.	Hon. Waqo Naomi Jillo, CBS, M.P.	
4.	Hon. Ahmed Shakeel Ahmed Shabbir, CBS, M. P	
5.	Hon. Koyi, John Waluke, CBS, M.P.	
6.	Hon. Kombe, Harrison Garrama, M.P.	
7.	Hon. Gakuya James Mwangi, M.P.	
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12.	Hon. Khodhe, Phelix Odiwuor, M.P.	
13.	Hon. Kiamba, Suzanne Ndunge, M.P.	
14.	Hon. Korir, Adams Kipsanai, M.P.	
15.	Hon. Mwangi, Geoffrey Wandeto, M.P.	
16.	Hon. (Dr.) Mamwacha, Onchoke Charles, M.P.	
17.	Hon. Mupe, Anthony Kenga, M.P.	
18.	Hon. Nguro Onesmus Ngogoyo, M.P.	
19.	Hon. Salasya, Peter Kalerwa, M.P.	
20.	Hon. (CPA) Rutto, Julius Kipletting, M.P.	
21.	Hon. Abubakar, Talib Ahmed, M.P.	

MINUTES OF THE 2ND SITTING OF THE COMMITTEE ON PARLIAMENTARY BROADCASTING AND LIBRARY HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOM 21 BUNGE TOWER ON TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2026 AT 12.00 PM

PRESENT

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| 1. Hon. Daniel Epuyo Nanok, CBS, M.P | - | Chairperson |
| 2. Hon. (Eng.) John Kiragu Chege, CBS, M.P | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Ahmed Shakeel Ahmed Shabbir, CBS, M. P | | |
| 4. Hon. (Dr.) Mamwacha, Onchoke Charles, M.P. | | |
| 5. Hon. (CPA) Rutto, Julius Kipletting, M.P. | | |

APOLOGIES

1. Hon. Waqo Naomi Jillo, CBS, M.P.
2. Hon. Kombe Harrison Garama, M.P.
3. Hon. Koyi, John Waluke, CBS, M.P.
4. Hon. Nguro Onesmus Ngogoyo, M.P.
5. Hon. Khodhe, Phelix Odiwuor, M.P.
6. Hon. Gakuya James Mwangi, M.P.
7. Hon. Murwithania, Rindikiri Mugambi, CBS, M.P.
8. Hon. Abdirahman Mohamed Abdi, M.P.
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| 4. Mr. Jared Onyancha | - | Media Relations Officer |
| 5. Ms. Caroline Waweru | - | Hansard Reporter III |

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PRELIMARIES

The meeting was called to order at a quarter past twelve, followed by a word of prayer and introduction thereafter.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted, having been proposed by Hon. (Dr.) Mamwacha, Onchoke Charles, M.P., and seconded by Hon. (CPA) Rutto, Julius Kipletting, M. P.

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**CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES
THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The confirmation of the minutes of the 1st sitting, held on 24th February, 2026, was deferred to the next sitting.

MIN NO/DAA&GPC/PBL/2026/011

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

The Committee was taken through the report of the 9th World Telecommunications Development Conference (WTDC) held from 17th to 21st November 2025 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

The Delegation secretary informed Members that the Kenyan delegation comprised representatives from the Committee on Parliamentary Broadcasting and Library and the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information and Technology, with significant participation from the Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology and the Communications Authority of Kenya.

The Delegation secretary further apprised Members that the conference deliberations centered on four principal thematic areas:

- i. Digital inclusion and bridging the digital divide;
- ii. Cybersecurity and data protection;
- iii. Information and Communications Technology (ICT) innovation and infrastructure development; and
- iv. Policy, regulation, and international cooperation.

Committee Observations and Recommendations

Members underscored the importance of coordinating Kenya's representation at international forums under a unified framework to enhance the country's voting power and strengthen advocacy efforts.

The Committee further recommended that Parliament establish mechanisms to monitor and track Kenya's progress in implementing resolutions and commitments arising from such international engagements.

The Chairperson also emphasized the value of parliamentary travel and international engagement, observing that such opportunities provide invaluable perspectives on national governance challenges while facilitating global knowledge-sharing among parliamentarians.

The Committee adopted the report on a proposal by Hon. (Dr.) Mamwacha, Onchoke Charles, M.P., and seconded by Hon. Ahmed Shakeel Ahmed Shabbir, CBS, M. P.

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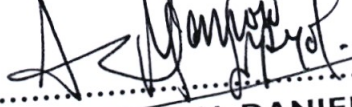
ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Committee was informed of an impending invitation by the China Media Group (CMG) Africa. Members resolved to pursue the engagement to gain insights into its operations, technological capabilities, ongoing partnerships with Kenya's media landscape, and other existing cooperation frameworks, especially with Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC).
2. The Committee stressed the importance of working more closely with the Departmental Committee on Communication, Information, and Technology to identify and work on areas of common interest.
3. Concerns were raised regarding digital media governance, particularly the lack of a coordinated national strategy to address misinformation and regulate social media platforms. The Committee underscored the need for Parliament to engage in media modernization and promote responsible technology use.
4. Members noted limited public awareness of Committee work and recommended enhanced digital outreach, including continued live broadcasting of committee proceedings.
5. The Committee observed a moment of silence in honor of the Late Member for Emurua Dikirr Constituency, the Hon. Johana Ngéno, CBS, MP, and the five distinguished Kenyans who died alongside him through a tragic helicopter accident on Saturday, 28th February 2026, and conveyed their sincere condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at twenty-five minutes past one. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 5th March 2026 at twelve noon.

Signed.  Date. 10th March, 2026
HON. DANIEL EPUYO NANOK, CBS, M.P.
CHAIPERSON

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